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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) Dispensing device for drinks or similar dosable liquid foodstuffs comprising:

a plurality of supply means for supplying a specific foodstuff or a mixture of specific foodstuffs;

a filling mechanism for filling a container with a predetermined amount of a specified foodstuff or mixture of foodstuffs;

identification means comprising at least one sensor detecting ~~at least one of~~ shape characteristics and at least one sensor detecting weight of containers that differ from one another but that are all filled with a foodstuff for subsequent consumption from the container, wherein the ~~sensor~~ identification means generates an identification signal that specifies the container detected;

a programmable memory, wherein at least one of amount signals and choice signals corresponding to the identification signal are stored, for specifying the foodstuffs;

a valve mechanism in communication with the identification means, wherein the identification signal actuates the valve mechanism to put at least one of the supply means in

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communication with the filling mechanism, wherein the filling mechanism fills the container with a predetermined amount of the specified foodstuff or mixture of foodstuffs; and

learning means with a manually actuatable dispensing control dispensing a foodstuff into a container, wherein data is stored ~~the learning means stores data~~ in the memory relating to at least one of the amount and state of filling in dependence on the identification signal; wherein the learning means enters specification data into the device for a specific foodstuff ~~corresponding~~ assigned to the identification signal.

2. (CANCELLED)

3. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) Dispensing device according to Claim 1, wherein the identification means comprises reading means to read information attached to the container.

4. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) Dispensing device according to Claim 1, wherein the identification means is adapted to send out a start signal, which releases the valve mechanism for filling the container when the container is in a predetermined position with respect to the filling mechanism.

5. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) Dispensing device according to Claim 1, wherein a manually actuatable start switch is provided to send out a start signal that causes a filling process to begin.

6. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) Dispensing device according to Claim 1, wherein the filling mechanism is adapted to fill simultaneously two containers with the specified foodstuff, the identification means is designed to send out position signals, and the filling mechanism is controlled so that either one or two containers are filled, depending on how many are present.

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7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) Dispensing device for drinks or similar dosable liquid foodstuffs comprising:

a plurality of supply means for supplying a specific foodstuff or a mixture of specific foodstuffs;

a filling mechanism for filling a container with a predetermined amount of a specified foodstuff or mixture of foodstuffs;

identification means comprising at least one sensor detecting ~~at least one of~~ shape characteristics and at least one sensor detecting weight of containers that differ from one another but that are all filled with a foodstuff for subsequent consumption from the container, wherein the ~~sensor sends~~ identification means generates an identification signal that specifies a container detected; and

a valve mechanism in communication with the identification means, wherein the identification signal actuates the valves mechanism to put at least one of the supply means in communication with the filling mechanism, wherein the filling mechanism fills the container with a predetermined amount of the specified foodstuff or mixture of foodstuffs;

wherein the identification means comprise a filling-state sensor to specify a maximum filling state to which the container is to be filled with the specified foodstuff or mixture of foodstuffs.

8-9. (CANCELLED)

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10. (NEW) Dispensing device for drinks or similar dosable liquid foodstuffs comprising:

a plurality of suppliers for supplying a specific foodstuff or a mixture of specific foodstuffs;

a filling mechanism for filling a container with a predetermined amount of a specified foodstuff or mixture of foodstuffs;

an identifier comprising at least one sensor detecting shape characteristics and at least one sensor detecting weight of containers that differ from one another but that are all filled with a foodstuff for subsequent consumption from the container, wherein the identifier generates an identification signal that specifies the container detected;

a programmable memory, wherein at least one of amount signals and choice signals corresponding to the identification signal are stored, for specifying the foodstuffs;

a valve mechanism in communication with the identifier, wherein the identification signal actuates the valve mechanism to put at least one of the suppliers in communication with the filling mechanism, wherein the filling mechanism fills the container with a predetermined amount of the specified foodstuff or mixture of foodstuffs; and

a manually actuatable dispensing control dispensing a foodstuff into a container, wherein data is stored in the memory relating to at least one of the amount and state of filling in dependence on the identification signal; wherein the device enters specification data into the memory for a specific foodstuff assigned to the identification signal.